Cases filed under Prevention of Corruption Act

2794. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed in various States against persons possessions disproportionate assets/income since that Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 came into force;

(b) the number of persons convicted since then State-wise;

(c) the number of Government servants, both Central and State Governments convicted under the Act;

(d) the number of other public servants convicted; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Since the enactment of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 till 28.2.2006, CBI has registered 1304 cases u/s 13(1)(e) of the said Act for possession of disproportionate assets. CBI has secured conviction against 59 persons for possession of assets disproportionate to known sources of income u/s 13(1)(e) of PC Act, 1988. Since CBI is a Central Investigating Agency having all India jurisdiction over the employees of Central Government and its PSUs/owned companies, CBI does not maintain records State-wise.

(c) to (e) 31 Central Government servants and 7 State Government servants have been convicted. 20 public servants of Central Government PSUs have also been convicted.

Tripling of FDI

2795. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission was working towards a policy which would help tripling the Foreign Direct Investment in the country over the next few years;

(b) whether the Planning Commission has also been finalizing a draft approach paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan *i.e.* 2007-12;

(c) if so, whether the Planning Commission is planning to clarify and streamline many existing caps on FDI;

(d) whether many foreign investors have complained that there are certain existing caps on FDI, which need to be looked after; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken by the Planning Commission to remove such hurdles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The National Common Minimum Programme has endorsed the importance of FDI and has set the target of doubling or tripling this category of flows.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy, including sectoral equity caps and associated procedures, is reviewed by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion on a continued basis, consistent with the overall economic policy. The policy on FDI, has been recently reviewed and several rationalization/liberalization measures have been notified.

BPL people in Orissa

2796. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 260 million of the people are still below poverty line, the highest number being in Orissa, as per the country's first social development report; and

(b) if so, what is Government's action plan to help the cash-strapped State to improve its social development sector to control the high rate of BPL in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) As per the recent report brought out by the Council for Social Development, published by Oxford University Press, namely, 'India Social Development Report', it has been stated that 260 million Indians are still below poverty line according to 1999-2000 data (page No. 2, Table No. 1.1. of the Report). The Report also indicates that